

C. REMARKS

This Reply is responsive to the Office Action dated 7 February 2005 and the Office communication dated 15 August 2005. In the Office communication dated 15 August 2005, the proposed amendment filed on 7 July 2005 was not entered. Applicants submit the present Amendment accompanied with a Request for Continued Examination.

In the Office Action of 7 February 2005, claims 59, 60, 62-65, and 86 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,852,506 to *Testani et al.* Claim 85 was objected to as dependent on a rejected base claim, but was indicated as containing patentable subject matter. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's statement regarding claim 85. In response to the Office Action, claim 59 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 85, claim 85 has been cancelled, claim 86 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of its base claim 59 and certain subject matter of claim 85, and new claims 87-91 depending off of newly independent claim 86 and corresponding to claims 60 and 62-65 have been added. In addition, claims 60 and 65 have been amended as to formal (non-limiting) aspects.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of claims 59, 60, 62-65, and 86 and consideration of new claims 87-91. Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.112 is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss any issues in this case in order to advance the prosecution thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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